



KEY NOTES

e-newsletter of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

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Star-Spangled 200, Inc. emerges with fund-raising campaign, seeks director



[Star-Spangled 200, Inc.](#) (SS200) is the nonprofit affiliate of the [Maryland War of 1812 Commission](#) and is charged with supporting charitable and educational activities of the commission. SS200 will coordinate a \$25 million fund-raising campaign, tied to corporate and individual donations, and revenue received from sales of the U.S. Mint's Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin. SS200's new web site, www.starspangled200.com, will soon have the capacity to collect donations and sell bicentennial merchandise.

SS200 has an opening for an executive director. The executive director will lead the campaign to generate \$25 million during the next four years. A detailed description of the position is available [online](#). Please e-mail resumes to [Bill Pencek](#) with a cover letter and salary expectations. Review of resumes begins April 11.

Fort McHenry dedicates new Visitor Center



Maryland 1812 Commission Chair Chip Mason, Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, Sen. Benjamin Cardin, Gov. Martin O'Malley, and Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake participated with Superintendent Gay Vietzke at the ribbon-cutting for Fort McHenry's new Visitor and Education Center. Photo credit: Mark Dennis, Office of the Mayor, City of Baltimore

On March 3, [Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine](#) hosted a grand opening for its new Visitor and Education Center. The evening ceremony was held on the 80th anniversary of the date *The Star-Spangled Banner* officially became the National Anthem -- March 3, 1931. Gov. Martin O'Malley and other officials -- including former Sen. Paul Sarbanes, Sen. Benjamin Cardin, Rep. John Sarbanes, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Fort McHenry Superintendent Gay Vietzke -- spoke at the event. The 17,000 square-foot center is triple the size of the

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previous center at Fort McHenry. It houses exhibits, an auditorium, staff offices, a bookstore and a library in a state-of-the-art "green" building.

NPS plans workshops for SSB trail, byway development

This spring, the National Park Service (NPS) presents a second round of regional public workshops concerning the development and management of the [Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#) and Byway during the next 20 years. NPS has drafted several alternative plans, using information gathered at the first round of public workshops in November 2009. New workshop dates and locations will be announced soon.

Also, the trail's interpretative plan is now [complete](#) and includes suggestions and themes for War of 1812 interpretation. A template is available for creating individual interpretation plans. E-mail [Suzanne Copping](#) or [Abbi Wicklein-Bayne](#) for more information.

Application deadline for Bay Gateways grant nears

The National Park Service (NPS) is accepting applications for its 2011 [Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Financial Assistance Awards Program](#). Projects that create new or enhanced public access to the bay or its tributaries will be considered for priority funding. For projects related to the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, contact [Suzanne Copping](#) to learn how your idea fits within the Trail's water plan. Applications must be submitted to the NPS Chesapeake Bay office by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 4. For more information, call or e-mail [Greg Ogilvie](#), 410-260-2488.

Replica of *Pride* to be presented to Baltimore



Model builders Jim Wheeler and Spruce Whited work on the *Pride* model. Photo credit: *Pride of Baltimore, Inc.*

[Pride of Baltimore, Inc.](#) will unveil a handcrafted 7-ft.-scale model of *Pride of Baltimore II* for permanent display at the [Baltimore Visitor Center](#) in the Inner Harbor, March 24 at 4 p.m. A reproduction of an 1812-era Baltimore schooner privateer, the *Pride* sails around the world, representing Maryland's maritime heritage and commerce opportunities. The ceremony includes a presentation of colors by the Maritime Industries Academy Color Guard and the singing of the

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National Anthem by the Pride of Baltimore Chorus. A cash-bar reception follows the event at Phillips Seafood in Harborplace Mall. To RSVP, call 410-539-1151, or e-mail [Missy Berger](#) by March 22.

Featured Site

Addison Chapel



As British troops marched to Washington on Aug. 24, 1814, this church reportedly was a temporary headquarters for the British. Benjamin Stoddert (first Secretary of the Navy) and Christopher Lowndes (owner of Bostwick) are buried here. It is now St. Matthew's Anglican Catholic Church.

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